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SUBJ: PREPCOM FOR SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE: FINAL DAY, FEB 11

1. SUMMARY: DURING FINAL DAY OF PREPCOM, CANADIAN COST SHARING FORMULA WAS APPROVED. VARIOUS REPS OFFERED COMMENTS ON SEABED TREATY INFORMATION PAPER PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT, BUT PREPCOM DID NOT APPROVE DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE CIRCULATED AS SECRETARIAT PAPER. IN CONCLUDING ITS WORK, PREPCOM AGREED ON GENERAL GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF REVIEW CONFERENCE POSITIONS, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENTS TO BE PREPARED, FINAL RULES OF PROCEDURE, AND A FINAL REPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING FIFTH AND FINAL DAY, PREPCOM APPROVED  
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COST-SHARING FORMULA PROPOSED BY CANADA (REF A), WHICH WAS SLIGHTLY AMENDED TO APPLY ALSO TO NON-UN MEMBERS (E.G. SWITZERLAND) WHICH MAY BE PARTIES OR SIGNATORIES. ESSENTIALLY, STATES PARTIES ATTENDING WILL PAY ACCORDING TO THEIR UN ASSESSMENT PRORATED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN UN MEMBERSHIP AND NUMBER OF PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE. FOR STATES PARTIES WHICH

ARE NOT UN MEMBERS, THE SHARE WILL BE DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF THE SIMILARLY PRORATED SCALE IN FORCE FOR DETERMINING THIS SHARE IN THE UN ACTIVITIES IN WHICH THEY TAKE PART. FOR STATES TAKING PART IN THE REVIEW CONFERENCE WHO HAVE SIGNED BUT NOT YET RATIFIED THE TREATY, THEY WILL SHARE IN THE COSTS ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE RATES OF ASSESSMENT UNDER THE UN SCALE, SINCE THEY HAVE LESSER RIGHTS AT THE REVIEW CONFERENCE THAN STATES PARTIES (I.E. THEY ARE NOT ENTITLED TO TAKE PART IN DECISIONS). AS RESULT INTERVENTIONS BY US, INDIA, AND OTHERS, MAINLY AMONG DEVELOPING STATES, FORMULA INCLUDES RESERVATION THAT JOINING CONSENSUS ON IT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS AT SIMILAR CONFERENCES.

3. WITH RESPECT TO DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE OFFICES, YUGOSLAVIAN REP PRESENTED PROPOSAL RESULTING FROM EXTENSIVE COORDINATION BETWEEN WESTERN AND EASTERN GROUPS, AND THE THIRD WORLD. FORMULA TAKES INTO ACCOUNT GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF TREATY PARTIES WITH WESTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS (INCLUDING 2 DEPOSITARIES) RECEIVING 6 POSITIONS, EASTERN EUROPE (INCLUDING 1 DEPOSITORY) RECEIVING 4, ASIA 4, AFRICA 4, AND LATIN AMERICA 1 (THERE ARE ONLY 3 STATES PARTIES FROM LATIN AMERICA). THE ACTUAL ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIFIC OFFICES TO REGIONS OR COUNTRIES WAS DEFERRED, WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO BE WORKED OUT PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. OFFICES INCLUDE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, 16 VICE-PRESIDENTS, A CHAIRMAN OF THE CREDITENTIALS COMMITTEE AND A CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE. INFORMALLY, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EAATC WOULD HAVE ONE COMMITTEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHAIRMANSHIP AND THE WEST THE OTHER. CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT INCLUDE PASTINEN (FINLAND), WYZNER (POLAND), AND POSSIBLY A SWISS AND AN IRANIAN WHO HAVE NOT BEEN SPECIFIED. WHILE PASTINEN IS CLEARLY THE FAVORITE, WYZNER CHAIRED THE PREPCOM WITH SUCH EVEN HANDEDNESS AND ADROITNESS THAT HE MAY BE ABLE TO ATTRACT CONSIDERABLY SUPPORT. IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS, SEVERAL WESTERN DELEGATIONS, INDICATED THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO GIVE THE PRESIDENCY TO THE EAST ON THIS OCCASION, GIVEN THE QUALITY OF THE EASTERN CANDIDATE, AND SINCE THIS WOULD PERMIT THE WEST TO CLAIM THE PRESIDENCY FOR ONE OF THE ALLIES AT SOME FUTURE CONFERENCE (SEE REF B).

4. VARIOUS REPS OFFERED COMMENTS ON A SEABED TREATY BACKGROUND PAPER THAT THE SECRETARIAT HAD PREPARED. BOTH USSR AND US REPS CRITICIZED DOCUMENT FOR EXCESSIVE LINKAGE WITH LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES, AND SUGGESTED DELETION OF SEVERAL NON-GERMANE PARAGRAPHS. SWEDISH AND NETHERLANDS REPS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF SECRETARIAT PAPER. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE SECRETARIAT

WOULD TAKE COMMENTS OF REPS INTO CONSIDERATION AND THAT THE DOCUMENT WOULD BE CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION TO POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS AS A SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT WITHOUT BEING ENDORSED OR APPROVED BY PREPCOM.

5. SEPARATE SWEDISH AND ROMANIAN PROPOSALS WERE COMBINED INTO A JOINT PROPOSAL ON INFORMATION DOCUMENTS THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD BE REQUESTED TO PREPARE FOR THE REVIEW CONFERENCE. THE JOINT PROPOSAL CALLED FOR BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS ON:

A. SUMMARY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE CCD (ARTICLE BY ARTICLE) LEADING TO THE TREATY.

B. AVAILABLE INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBJECTIVES AND PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY.

C. TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS (MILITARY AS WELL AS PEACEFUL) RELEVANT TO THE TREATY.

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D. DEVELOPMENTS AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE RELEVANT TO THE TREATY.

6. THE SOVIET AND US REPS AND OTHERS SPOKE AGAINST THE JOINT PROPOSAL, ARGUING THAT IT WAS UNREALISTIC, UNNECESSARY, AND WOULD FORCE THE SECY GENERAL TO MAKE DISCRETIONARY JUDGMENTS OF A POLITICAL NATURE THAT WOULD BE IMPROPER FOR HIM TO MAKE. AFTER CONFERRING WITH THE SWedes, ROMANIANS AND SOVIETS, THE US PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE FORMULATION REQUESTING THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION PAPERS, FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE ATTENDING THE SEABED TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE, BE PREPARED AS FOLLOWS:

A. SUMMARY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE CCD (ARTICLE BY ARTICLE) LEADING TO THE TREATY.

B. COMPLIATION OF OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBJECTIVES AND PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY, WHICH THE SECY-GENERAL AND THE DEPOSITARIES MAY HAVE RECEIVED.

C. COMPILATION OF PAPERS ON TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS (MILITARY AS WELL AS PEACEFUL) RELEVANT TO THE TREATY WHICH PARTIES MAY WISH TO PROVIDE, OR WHICH IS OTHERWISE OFFICIALLY AVAILABLE TO THE SECY GENERAL FROM GOVERNMENTS.

7. THERE WAS CONSENSUS AGREEMENT ON THIS FORMULATION.

8. PREPCOM AGREED ON A PROPOSAL BY ROMANIAN REP THAT EACH PARTY RECEIVE A WRITTEN ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF THE REVIEW CONFERENCE BEFORE THE CONFERENCE CONVENES. (COMMENT: UN SECRETARIAT HAD EARLIER ESTIMATED COSTS OF \$250,000, INCLUDING TWO PREPCOM MEETINGS). IT WAS ALSO AGREED

THAT A SECOND MEETING OF THE PREPCOM WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY.

9. AS ITS LAST ACTS, PREPCOM COMPLETED RULES OF PROCEDURE  
FOR THE REVIEW CONFERENCE AND APPROVED A FINAL REPORT,  
WHICH WILL BE CIRCULATED BY SECRETARIAT WITHIN APPROXIMATELY  
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